

Unpacking the Word for June 21, 2020 Sermon (Father's Day)

Sermonic Scripture: Matthew 7:3-5

3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

My **purpose** in this sermon was to encourage the hearts of fathers and father - figures everywhere. **Secondly**, I wanted fathers to know how important it is to lead our children in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fathers cannot lead in this way if they haven't accepted Christ and aren't actively being disciplined (preferably in a Bible preaching and believing church). **Thirdly**, (and this is where the sermonic scripture can be most clearly appreciated in the sermon) there are no perfect churches, pastors, or members. The church is a family, neither one is ever perfect, yet we must serve God together in love.

I skipped a chapter (4) in Thom Rainer's book *I Am A Church Member*, because this chapter (5) seemed more relevant for men leading their families. The title of Chapter 5 is, "I Will Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members."

The overall *feeling* of the sermon is felt here in a brief excerpt...

"If more fathers would begin right now leading their children and families in prayer for their church families, they would see a change and so would the church. And because the church would see a change, so would the immediate community. And because the immediate community would see a change, so would the City of Milwaukee, the state of Wisconsin, this country and the world...Be

encouraged, Dad! Don't give up on God, because He won't give up on you.!" (JRW, 2020).